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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated October 26, 2000, the response for which having been extended until April 26, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In the Specification:

Please replace the first full paragraph beginning on page 16, lines 1-12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In the present invention, it is required that the surface hardness of the outer core **2** is lower than the surface hardness of the inner core **1** by 2 to 30, preferably 4 to 20, more preferably 5 to 15. When the hardness difference is smaller than 2, the shot feel is hard and poor, particularly the shot feel when hit by a short iron club and putter is poor. On the other hand, when the hardness difference is larger than 30, the rebound characteristics

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